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YOUR CAMPUS VOICE NEWS

EWU student shot in Cheney

Victim transported to a local hospital with injury after incident

BY NICOLE ERICKSON
news editor

An Eastern student sustained a gunshot wound to the hand Sunday morning in the El Rodeo parking lot in Cheney.

Witnesses described seeing a dark Jeep pulling into the parking lot around 1:15 a.m. Gunfire was heard shortly after, and four male suspects were spotted fleeing the scene.

When police arrived, they found Shanbir Grewal had been shot in the hand. Grewal was transported to a Spokane area hospital where his injuries were declared not to be life threatening.

Descriptions provided by the witnesses eventually led to the arrest of four Spokane male teenagers.

"I don't know that we'll ever know exactly what started the whole thing," said Rick Campbell, commander of Cheney police.

Earlier in the night, witness and Eastern student Jared Bogyo saw Abrahm L. Gibson, 19, and three underage male suspects at a Spokane party.

"They were there, just kind of chillin', but we all [Bogyo and his friends] thought they were kind of sketchy," Bogyo said.

The males were not at the party for long, Bogyo said. When they

were there, Bogyo mentioned that the group kept to themselves and were overheard making strange comments like "crack is cool."

"You don't normally hear that at a party ... All of us kind of did a double take there," Bogyo said.

The four suspects were said to have left the party around 1 a.m., and within an hour of the shooting, they were arrested in the Cheney Zip's parking lot.

All four suspects were taken into custody for questioning.

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Assaults prompt investigations

Two instances of sexual assault bring about awareness to address a growing problem; administrators get involved

BY JAMES BK
editor-in-chief

EWU Police are in the middle of investigating two reports of sexual assault.

The first reported case occurred Jan. 15 in Cheney and has resulted in an indecent liberties charge. The second case is still under investigation.

Detective Quincy Burns of EWU Police said that victims involved in both incidents were Eastern students.

The first incident occurred at the celebration of a birthday in Cheney where alcohol use was noticeable, and nearly incapacitated the victim. First reports of the crime were reported to the EWU Police, which allowed them to pursue the investigation.

"It's not uncommon to take the lead in some of these things that take place off of campus," Burns said. He also noted that they have worked very closely with the Cheney Police.

Following the first case's

initial report, Dean of Students Al Thompson sent an e-mail to students Feb. 5 with a reminder to "stay together, monitor your drinks, walk friends home, and leave no one behind."

"It's so important that friends don't leave friends alone," Burns said.

To prevent further assaults,

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Reaching out for an education

Budget cuts and tuition increases impact every student, but first-generation students face difficulties in continuing their learning

BY MELISSA CARROLL
staff writer

First-generation college students at Eastern may be hit the hardest with recent budget cuts set to increase tuition in the fall.

For freshmen Irene Ureno and Marilyn Castro, worry is starting to set in on how to deal with the increase in tuition. Both are first generation college students and are on their own when it comes to pay-

ing for college.

"The budget cuts and tuition increase are ridiculous. Higher education is the only way to get a better job, but they make it almost impossible for people to afford to go," Ureno said.

Ureno is receiving scholarships, such as the Dean's and Eastern Advantage Scholarship while employed through work study to meet the costs of higher education. At the end of her freshman year,

however, the scholarships will expire. Ureno is currently searching for more scholarships to meet the financial burden of the increased tuition. With work study on the verge of being cut because of the budget, Ureno is unsure however financial needs will be met.

"I'm mostly stressed right now about what is going to happen next year. I haven't been affected directly yet, but I'm sure I will notice the budget cuts personally in the fall,"

Ureno said.

Castro relies on scholarships to meet the rising costs of EWU. While many of her scholarships are based on her class standing as a freshman, there is the concern of where to get scholarships and financial support for the upcoming year.

"A few of my scholarships will carry over to next year, but I'm worried it will be harder to get more scholarships that I need to

pay for the increased tuition," Castro said.

Castro is also receiving support from the College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP).

CAMP is a federally funded program designed to support students from migrant and seasonal farm-working backgrounds during the first year of college. Students who are part of the program receive financial support of about \$140 a month plus support services. Al-

though it is a small contribution, it can help with everyday costs, like school supplies.

Fortunately for students of CAMP, the program is federally funded and will not be affected by the recent budget cuts. While the money received from CAMP

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Campus gossip site still affects student lives

Students involved are seeking positive action from the administration; site still blocked

BY ALINA SHANN
co-chief copy editor

In response to a gossip Web site containing hate speech and proposals for positive change, administrators met with students of the Campus Climate Student Action Group to discuss plans of action.

According to Ron Dalla, interim vice president for student affairs, the Associate to University

President Rodolfo Arévalo, Laurie Connolly, is reviewing Arévalo's information letter, which will be mandatory to read in all classrooms. The letter will state recent events and safety on campus, along with numbers and names of people to contact in different instances. The tentative schedule for the letter to be sent is Wednesday, Feb. 24.

Al Thompson, the dean of students, is listed as the one to call

regarding questions and to report concerns of oppression and safety on campus. Gayla Wright, director of equal opportunity and affirmative action and disability compliance, is available to talk about discrimination issues. Karen Wanjico, violence prevention victim advocate, is available to help students with sexual assault and victimization problems.

With the site still blocked from EWU's servers, issues of freedom of speech were brought up at Monday's (Feb. 22) meeting with the faculty senators. All but one were in favor of keeping it available on campus, which upset students fighting for justice and safety.

Students and the administra-

tion plan to have an open forum Wednesday, March 10, where students and faculty will be discussing different issues of EWU's campus. The meeting will be held in Monroe 205 from noon to 2 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Students are pushing for some sort of positive action and will hold a Fishbowl Exercise in residential halls March 11. The exercise is a test for a campus-wide race summit. Also, a unity march or rally and a visibility campaign are being discussed. The Campus Climate group is also working on

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Statements made at Tuesday's meeting

"Eastern can't effectively implement a zero tolerance program because [EWU administrators] don't effectively implement a clear and concise education program of diversity for all faculty and staff members."

- Nathan Lewis, student and Campus Climate Student Action Group member

"It troubles me that [students] don't feel safe here ... Don't give up. Don't walk away from us. We will have a plan."

- Al Thompson, Dean of Students

"These are human beings we're talking about; they're fearing for their safety."

- Gayla Wright, Director of Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action and Disability Compliance

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"NOT EVEN A GOOD SCIENTIST, NOT EVEN A GOOD CHRISTIAN SHOULD NOT BE WILLING TO LISTEN."

- Bob Elfers

EMPHASIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF SCIENCE AND FAITH COOPERATION



James Eik

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green dot spot

your weekly guide to ending power-based personal violence

(The Green Dot strategy was created by Dorothy J. Edwards, Ph.D., University of Kentucky)

Stephen M. Thompson, a sex crimes profiler, has outlined the sequence of events that occur in acquaintance rape. This article describes those stages to help bystanders better interpret risky situations and interrupt them. Remember most men are not predators; however, most victims at college are female. I will use him and her to reflect this reality.

Step One: He selects a target. He wants someone who will be flattered by his attention. He chooses someone who is younger or with less status.

Step Two: He approaches and evaluates whether or not he can control her. He pays attention to her, while at the same time testing her. He may say things to make her feel uncomfortable, to see if she will tolerate it. He may try to touch her just to see how she reacts. He may seem attentive, while giving her drinks. He is learning information that will help him. Is she alone?

Step Three: Separate her from her friends. He needs to get her alone, so he makes a suggestion to leave. He is confident that she will agree.

Step Four: Once they are alone, he attempts to get sex. He will become aggressive, "You knew this was the plan." He wants her to feel responsible. If she is

sober and she agrees, no crime is committed.

Step Five: If she does not consent he begins to intimidate her. Through words or physical force, he ignores her wishes. He is in predator mode. He may say things like, "If you don't have sex with me I will ruin your reputation."

Step Six: He sexually violates her.

Step Seven: He terminates the meeting. He is done with her. He may go back to the nice guy and say, "I'll take you home and I'll call you next week," acting like nothing happened. Or he may threaten her to assure her silence.

For bystanders, interpreting this sequence can be difficult. It can be hard to tell the difference between people "hooking up" and watching a predator in action, according to Dr. Dorothy J. Edwards, so it is important to get into the habit of looking out for one another. If someone is that drunk, and another person is taking them away, do something to prevent it! Get her friends to walk her home, for example. Do a green dot. If you do, share those stories with EWU's victim advocate: advocate@ewu.edu or 359.6429. URC 201

POLICE BEAT

Feb. 18 - Feb. 22

BY JAMES EIK
editor-in-chief

2/18 6:05 a.m. – EWU Police assisted the Cheney Police Department with a collision on 1st Street. The incident involved two cars but no EWU students.

2/18 9:06 p.m. – A Dressler Hall CA reported the odor of marijuana emitting from a room in the building. When EWU Police arrived, the occupants of the seventh floor room gave consent to a search. Police found marijuana.



Persons of interest seen using stolen gas card. Photo courtesy of Eastern Police

University credit card stolen on EPIC skiing trip

EWU Police investigating the theft are asking community members for assistance

BY JAMES EIK
editor-in-chief

An Eastern credit card was stolen Jan. 10 from a university van borrowed by EPIC Adventures for a skiing trip.

First reported in a Police Beat by *The Easterner* earlier this year, three down jackets, a Burton Rush snowboard and a pair of sunglasses were also taken from the vehicle.

The van was picked up by a motor pool, which notified EWU Police about the damaged

vehicle.

Suspects involved in the theft used the credit card in several locations around Spokane, including a Conoco station on Ash Street. Surveillance video of the site shows potential suspects at the time of the card's use, and has provided law enforcement with a photo of the suspects.

At the moment, EWU Police are investigating the theft, and have sent out a photo of the suspects to area law enforcement. Police are asking those with information to contact them at (509)359-6300.



Comic by Clancy Bundy

2/18 11:17 a.m. - The EWU Police traveled to Lincoln County to meet a deputy in Deep Creek. They picked up a prisoner with a warrant from the EWU Police to transport him to a Cheney court. A judicial ruling stated that he had violated his probation, which allowed the transport to take place.

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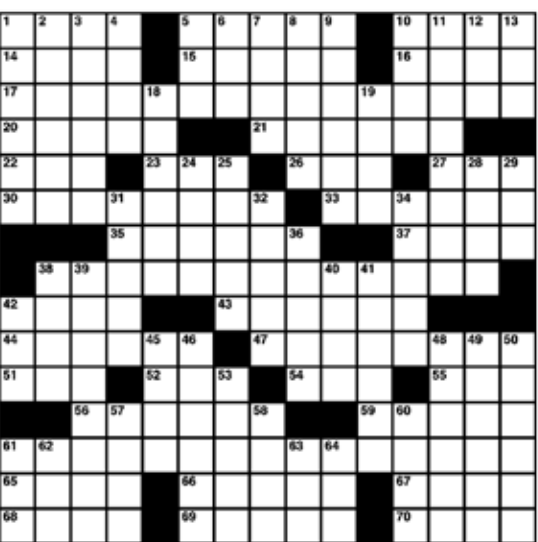
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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

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- 1 Quick kiss
 - 5 Bond player, seven times
 - 10 Confiscated auto
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 - 16 Court cry
 - 17 Detectives assigned to unsolved mysteries?
 - 20 Buddy boy
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 - 23 Navig. guide
 - 26 Quarterback Roethlisberger
 - 27 Stable diet?
 - 30 Soak through
 - 33 Siesta shawl
 - 35 Local groups
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 - 38 Intermission queues?
 - 42 Hawaii's "Valley Isle"
 - 43 Midwestern landscape
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 - 47 Carrying capacities
 - 51 Pavement warning
 - 52 Word processor setting
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 - 55 Fjord relative
 - 56 Like some bio majors
 - 59 Daphne eloped with him on "Frasier"
 - 61 Shower gifts for brie lovers?
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 - 70 "Just a coupla"
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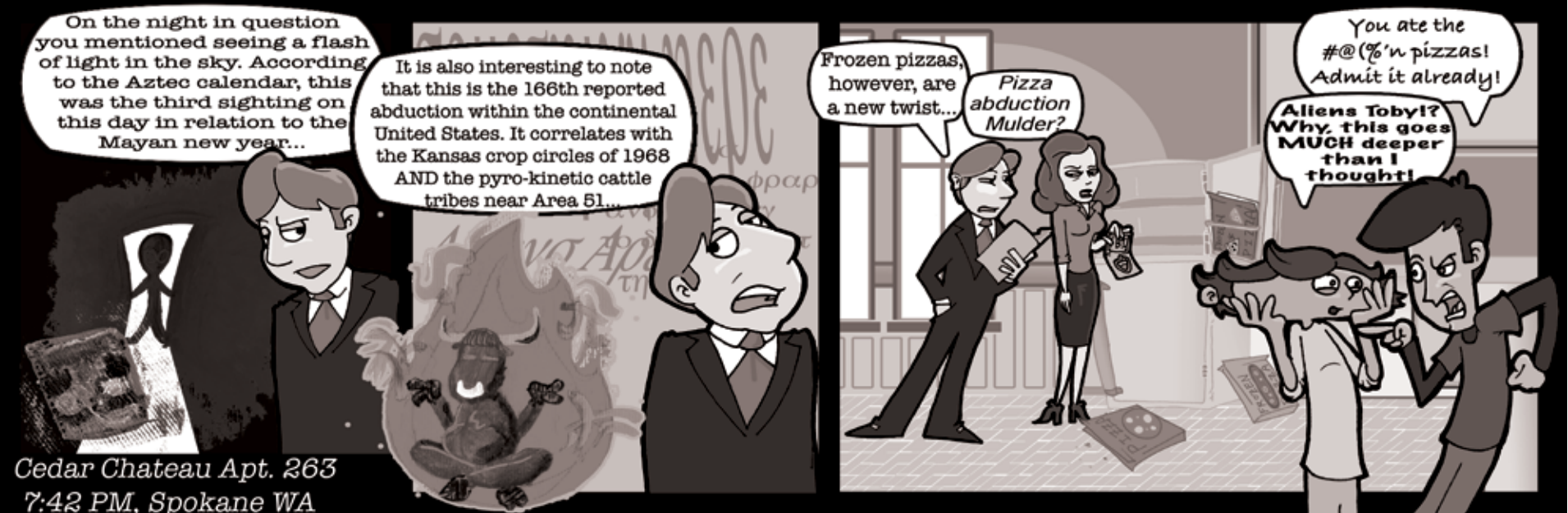
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Standpoint with music professor Erin Foster

Music theory instructor Erin Foster discusses topics such as the iPod revolution, along with the healing properties of music

BY JASON KEEDY
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The Easterner sits down with music professor Erin Foster to discuss how she arrived at Eastern and how her joys of teaching have helped.

Could you talk a little about your background, the road that has led you here to EWU?

I finished my master's degree in bassoon performance here after beginning it at the University of Idaho. We moved here because my husband was hired as the band teacher at Cheney Middle School. When I finished my degree, there was a job opening for a music theory teacher. I applied and was hired.

Along with teaching a variety of music classes both here at EWU and at Gonzaga, you also perform with the Spokane Wind Quintet and Mosaic Chamber Ensemble – just to name a few. Could you talk about how your life came to be centered around music – influences, epiphanies – and what both playing music and listening to music does for you?

I started music lessons on cello in the fourth grade and almost instantly fell in love with playing music. My mother was a very good clarinetist, and we played together in the Saddleback College Orches-

tra when I was in junior high school in Southern California. We had season tickets to the Los Angeles Philharmonic when Zubin Mehta was the conductor and the experience of being exposed to live classical music of that caliber had a profound effect on me.

When I started high school, we moved from Southern California to Kennewick, Wash. Unfortunately, the orchestra was very small and not very good at the time, so I quit the cello and picked up the saxophone and bassoon in order to be in the jazz band and wind ensemble, which were excellent.

One of the greatest epiphanies I had about music occurred while studying for my master's degree. During that time, I studied and came to enjoy and appreciate a wide variety of contemporary composers such as Stravinsky, Bartok, Shostakovich, Berio, Varèse and other 20th century masters. Before then, I only liked well-known composers such as Bach, Mozart and Beethoven.

There is almost nothing to compare to the joy of making music. One can express and share an enormous range of emotions through playing music. Also, the physicality of playing a wind instrument (singing, too) has a proven positive effect on one's mental and physical health.

For example, regulated breathing has been proven to boost one's immune system. Listening to music also has incredible positive benefits as well.

“The best part about teaching theory class (a course for first year music majors) is seeing the ‘light bulbs’ go on when students grasp difficult concepts.”

-Erin Foster,
music theory professor

Aside from music theory, you also teach a music in the humanities course. I wonder if you could tell us about some of the joys and difficulties you encounter during your instruction.

Teaching both classes is mostly a joy for me. The best part about teaching theory class (a course for first year music majors) is seeing the “light bulbs” go on when students grasp difficult concepts. It's also nice when some of them realize the value and, dare I say, “fun” of analyzing music and learning how composers create their masterpieces.

For the humanities online class, it makes me happy when students write and tell me how much they've enjoyed the chance to listen to and learn about clas-

sical, jazz and other types music that they don't normally listen to. Another bonus to teaching music courses is that I learn so much from my students about what's happening in music and music technology today.

As far as difficulties go, there aren't too many others than the usual problems most teachers encounter like cell phones going off in the middle of a lecture or students who constantly text during class. But these are small problems and the positives far outweigh any negatives.

In a world of iPods where music of all kinds is so easily available, do you think the level of musical literacy has increased in general? Have you noticed any trends throughout recent years regarding college students and their relationship to music?

Yes. This is my ninth year of teaching theory and in that time there have been incredible changes and advances in music technology and the availability of music in general with YouTube, Pandora, file sharing, applications on iTouch.

I believe students today are incredibly savvy, and they keep me on my toes as far as staying caught up with what's happening in these areas. Music has always, and will always be of major importance to college students. It helps students find their identity, make friends; it cures homesickness and has been proven to help students learn and feel better.

If a student were to ask you why it was important to develop their understanding and to deepen their appreciation of music (of classical, of foreign traditional, amongst others), what would you tell them?

I would tell them that college is the time for them to open their minds, not only to classical music, but to all musical genres. An important part of the college experience is discovery. Understanding the music of the past and music they've never heard before will give them a greater insight into the music of today and will help them discover who they are.

What music have you recently fallen in love with? What musician, band, composer or genre can you always depend on to enrich your day?

This is an extremely tough question. I am especially moved by live music whether it be the Bob Curnow Big Band or the Spokane Symphony.

When I attend recitals and concerts or eavesdrop on the rehearsals of our ensembles—orchestra, bands, jazz bands and combos—I hear amazing things going on with our student musicians.

I highly recommend that EWU students take advantage of the incredible caliber and amount of free live music available to them by attending as many of our events as possible. You won't believe your ears!



Preston McCollam and his team compete in mock trial competition. Photo courtesy of Mark Story

Mock trial team receives honorable mention

After six months of preparing, EWU's team participates in annual conference

BY NICOLE ERICKSON
news editor

EWU's mock trial team participated in the Pacific Northwest Regional Mock Trial Tournament Feb. 19 to 22, ending with a 4-4 record.

The mock trial team has been preparing for six months to develop both sides of the case. This year, the fictional case was a “Hollywood murder” in which the prosecution and defense were required to produce three witnesses during the four-trial process.

“There isn't a jury in mock trial. There may be reference to a fictional jury. In any case, there is a panel of judges,” said mock trial coach James Headley.

The event was held at the Riverpoint campus and included colleges and universities throughout the Pacific Northwest.

Winners of the competition advanced to a national competition to be held in Irvine, Calif. Of the 19 teams at the tournament, eight were selected to go on to nationals. Teams from Eastern, University of California at Berkeley, University of Portland and Gonzaga University all received honorable mentions but will not be advancing to state.

“We missed qualifying for that eighth spot by basically a few points. We were basically tied for ninth,” Headley said. “It was difficult because the hope to advance was there.”

The majority of students participating on Eastern's mock trial team are pre-law, though some students are also drama and government majors. Tryouts held each fall decide which students are assigned to the roles best suited for them in the courtroom.

“We always hope to advance to nationals,” Headley said. “But I am still very proud of my team.”

Bill passes tuition decision to Board of Trustees, hurting EWU

Local universities can annually raise tuition up to 14 percent

BY MIKE BRAMBLEY
staff writer

The state Senate voted to approve a bill last week that is predicted to have a negative effect on EWU students who depend on financial aid.

The state House of Representatives will vote on Bill 6562 to decide whether future tuition control will be transferred from the state Legislature to the local university governing boards of the three Washington state public universities: University of Washington, Washington State University and Western Washington University.

“Our main concern is that as tuition goes up at WWU, UW and WSU, they will need more money for financial aid,” said Kris Byrum, ASEWU legislative affairs representative and member of the Student Legislative Action Coalition (SLAC). “Being that the state is not going to add anymore revenue into the financial aid program, the money that these institutions would need may have to come from EWU, CWU and the Evergreen State College.”

The bill will allow tuition increases by local university governing bodies of up to 14 percent per year with requirements not to exceed an average total of a 9-percent increase in 15 years.

“If this bill is seen to be beneficial to the universities being affected, then we could potentially see this becoming a policy at Eastern.”

-Kris Byrum,
ASEWU legislative affairs representative and member of SLAC

The shift in tuition controls would give the power of tuition increases to unaccountable and unelected authorities, Byrum said.

Senator Schoesler, Eastern's ninth district legislative representative, said that he does not support this bill and that it would harm EWU if passed.

“Although 6562 does not specifically name EWU in the bill, Eastern students need to be against it,” Byrum said. “If this bill is seen to be beneficial to the universities being affected, then we could potentially see this becoming policy at Eastern, even though it would harm students.”

Jordan Johnston, ASEWU legislative liaison, has been working in Olympia against bills that will negatively affect EWU and has been meeting with legislators regarding higher education issues.

EWU is not included in the legislation to localize tuition au-

thority and hike up students' tuition costs because of Johnston's work, the Washington Student Association, SLAC and efforts of the ASEWU Higher Education Day held in Olympia Feb. 1, he said.

“Students forced this change,” Byrum said. “Without these groups of students, we would probably be looking at an entirely different bill.”

ASEWU Higher Education Day was Byrum's plan to bring 24 student representatives to Olympia to meet with state legislators and discuss political issues that concern Eastern, he said.

Byrum and other ASEWU student representatives have written e-mails to legislators urging them to vote against bills that may negatively affect EWU.

Students who want to be more politically active in issues involving the university and their own interests should volunteer with SLAC, write their representatives short e-mails, write their local newspapers and register to vote, Byrum said.

“Any student can join or help out in the efforts,” he said. “They are a big asset to our university's efforts to protect higher education's affordability and accessibility.”


Students who want to voice their opinions can contact the ASEWU council in PUB 303 during weekdays.

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Nicole Erickson

Speaker series helps to bridge cultural gaps

International scholars come to learn from Eastern's opportunities

BY MIKE BRAMBLEY
staff writer

Eight international scholars are visiting EWU with stay periods ranging from six months to a year. EWU is providing the scholars with an opportunity to experience academic life in the U.S., while helping support the university's global learning strategy through the Fulbright Scholar Program (FSP).

"In the last 10 years, Eastern has hosted at most one or a maximum of two scholars at any period of time," said Olga Baron, director of International Projects and Partnerships. "This academic year from 2010 to 2011 is definitely unprecedented for the institution in the amount of scholars and the variety and diversity of the academic disciplines that are present."

Visiting scholars contribute to the university's community by observing classes, collaborating with faculty, participating in cultural exchanges through presentations and promoting cross-cultural exchanges between EWU and international partner institutions.

The visiting international scholars include Yukiko Hosoki from the Kyushu International University in Japan; Gulchekhra Zununova, the department chair of Ethnology for the Institute of History at the Uzbek Academy of Sciences; and Hee-Joo Kim from the International University of Korea.

Hosoki, a scholar studying how English is taught as a foreign language, will present her research on linguistics and English education in Japan at an International Speaker Series event on Thursday from noon to 1 p.m., in Monroe 205.

"As an English teacher, I think it is essential to have experiences living in English-speaking countries because I can improve my communicative English skills in actual situations and learn various cultural aspects that I cannot learn from books," Hosoki said. "I also think such experiences enable one to both develop a deeper appreciation for cultural diversity and acquire intercultural communication skills."

Hosoki arrived at Eastern in September 2009 and will be returning to Japan in March. Her

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**-Lauri McLaughlin,
International project
manager for International
Projects and Partnerships**

research involves observation of courses by the Asia University American Program and the English Language Institute that are conducted at EWU.

Zununova, visiting from Uzbekistan, is the new Fulbright Scholar at the university who arrived on campus in January. She is conducting research on anthropology and gender roles in traditional societies.

The FSP, sponsored by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the U.S. Department of State, is the major foreign educational exchange program in the U.S. Each year, selected scholars are chosen to study abroad to conduct research internationally as part of one of the most diversified exchange programs in the world.

"One major advantage of working in the U.S. is the opportunity to cooperate with American colleagues and specialists," Zununova said. "This is especially important since most American universities house diverse international communities and therefore offer differing scholarly viewpoints."

Kim, a visiting Korean scholar, arrived at Eastern in August 2009 to begin research with the history department on the movement of Korean residents to America in the '40s and their contributions to the Korean independence movement.

"It is interesting to watch the evolution, not just of the EWU campus, but the metamorphosis that our scholars go through when

they become part of the institution, part of the campus culture," said Lauri McLaughlin, the international project manager for International Projects and Partnerships. "They start to have a whole new life experience that will stay with them for the rest of their lives."

The 1+2+1 Sino-American Dual Degree Program is a new form of international educational cooperation with two-way student and faculty exchanges between Chinese and American universities.

In 2008, EWU accommodated the first 1+2+1 visiting scholar. Then in 2009, Eastern welcomed visiting scholars from six Chinese partner universities. This year, five Chinese scholars are visiting the university as part of the 1+2+1 Program.

Feng Wang, a scholar of mechanical and electronic engineering from the North University of China, hopes to make presentations on comparisons between Asian nations and Western culture and the development of mechatronics engineering in China before he leaves the university in March.

English scholar Yuanye Zhong, from Chongqing University, is focusing his research on teaching Chinese as a foreign language as well as language translation theory and practice. He plans to make a presentation on Chinese culture during spring quarter.

Yisheng An, a computer science scholar from ChangAn University, has observed classes and made use of library databases for research since arriving on campus. He said language is still a barrier when giving presentations, but he looks forward to the opportunity to introduce his hometown and country to common Americans.

Visiting scholar Lina Zhang, from the Langzhou University of Finance and Economics, Management and Public Administration in China, arrived at Eastern as part of the 1+2+1 program six months ago and will leave in March.

Jing Zhao, a scholar of English and rhetoric from the Southwest Jiaotong University, is also visiting as part of the international faculty exchange program with China.

DDA Killin in April

Former Eagles turned sport stars will attend the 29th annual auction

BY DUSTIN TOMS
senior reporter

The stars will be out in Cheney for the 29th Annual Orland Killin Dance, Dinner and Auction (DDA) April 23 and 24.

Former EWU students Michael Roos and Colin Cowherd will be attending the event. Roos played football for EWU and now plays for the Tennessee Titans in the NFL. Cowherd has his own radio show, "The Herd," on ESPN broadcast from 7-11 a.m. He will be hosting the event.

"I loved my time at EWU and wanted to give back," said Cowherd. "Once you get to your 30s and 40s and reach some goals, you just want to help people."

"This year with Colin here, there will be a unique entertainment aspect," said Bill Chaves, EWU athletics director. "We're going to allow him to go whatever direction he wants to go."

Orland Killin and his wife Beatrice started the Killin event. Killin was very dedicated to the integrity of EWU; he was a professor, faculty athletics representative, faculty president and a football letter winner in 1941.

The event is hosted in partnership with the Michael Roos Foundation.

"It's a good deal for [EWU athletics] and the university," said Chaves. "Last year, we were able to connect Roos and his foundation with the event, and it now takes a life of its own."

Former EWU students have told Chaves that they only return to Cheney for the Killin weekend. He likes to compare the DDA with a wedding re-

ception including dance and dinner portions.

The event will begin on Friday at 12:30 p.m., with the 23 Annual Coaches Golf Tournament to be held at the Indian Canyon Golf Course. The cost to participate is \$125 for one or \$625 for a team of five. There are 180 available spots in the tournament and are on a first come first serve basis. A few of the prizes include golf attire, vacation packages and EWU sportswear.

Starting Saturday at noon, the weekend event will continue with an Eagle Soccer Scrimmage followed by the Red-White Spring Football Game at 2 p.m.

The main event will begin at 4:30 p.m., and will start with a social hour and silent auction. Items up for auction will range from sport memorabilia to bicycles, with special items to be auctioned off after the event. There will also be three to five special items up for auction at the end of dinner.

Dinner will be served at Reese Court after the auction. There will be a lobster meal and a choice of prime rib. The night is scheduled to end at midnight after the dance.

All proceeds will be split between the Roos foundation and EWU Athletics. Athletics will use the money where the need is greatest.

The cost of the DDA is \$75 for single admission or \$500 for a table of eight. Dress in casual attire. Those wanting to attend must be 21 years of age. For more information, visit www.goeags.com and click on the Killin icon.

"The one thing that I like about [Killin] is that it is not all an auction or a fundraiser," said Chaves. "When you come, it's a little fun for everyone."

ASSAULTS

from front page

EWU Police will work in tandem with Violence Prevention Victim Advocate Karen Wanjico. Together, they have several events

planned on campus as well as promotional material, which will highlight the issue of sexual assault, as well as present methods of prevention.

Flyers, table tents and party talks have been implemented thus far, according to Wanjico. Also being planned are talks to campus sororities, which Wanjico began Sunday, Feb. 21. The talks focus on

how to recognize a sexual assault predator.

Wanjico is working on cooperating with the Health, Wellness & Prevention Services; Counseling and Psychological Services; and Residential Housing, among other organizations on campus.

"We want to prevent the things that could happen with [the sexual assault situations]," Burns said.

STUDENTS

from front page

might have been enough at one point, the recent increases in cost will make it less significant for students. "Students of CAMP are very concerned with the recent tuition increases. Eighty-one percent of CAMP students are first-generation college students and need the help paying tuition," said CAMP Director Dr. Jerry Garcia.

With the fear of tuition increases and budget cuts looming over Eastern, there is one group who is trying to find the silver lining. The Office of Transitions and Inclusion (OTI), which houses Eastern Advantage, currently supports many first generation students through scholarships. Although they received a hard hit from budget cuts last year, it isn't slowing them down.

According to Larry Briggs, associate vice president for Enrollment Services, the support given to first generation students will not change with the budget cuts. According to the OTI, Eastern will increase the amount of scholarship awards in several areas to help students with the tuition increase.

"We are very hopeful that critically important state need grant and state work study programs will be fully funded," Briggs said.

SHOOTING

from front page

"All participants were arrested for drive-by shooting, but the shooter will have additional charges of second degree attempted murder and assault first," Campbell said.

Drive-by shooting is a Class B felony resulting in up to 25 years in prison and/or a \$25,000 fine. The

shooter will be facing charges that can result in 25 years to life in prison.

"Eastern police have been helpful in processing the crime scene and developing the investigation," Campbell said.

In regards to student safety, Campbell said that in his 28 years serving Cheney there have only been three drive-bys that he knows of.

"This is a rare type of occurrence," Campbell said. "It was quickly resolved."

GOSSIP

from front page

buttons and fliers with slogans "Not on Our Campus" and "Raise Our Fist to Resist."

Community Advisers in residential halls were also briefed on what has happened. The meeting held on Sunday, Feb. 21, helped CAs develop ways to gather information to help students who were targeted.

Dalla said that there has been no response from GoDaddy or the gossip Web site creator regarding the letter addressing the removal of EWU and comments off their lists. Dalla and Vice Provost Linda Keiffer are asking students for a little bit of patience and time. Keiffer said a further plan of action will be ready in time for the March 10 meeting.

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Brick sales fund memorial garden

Remembrance committee will construct meditation area after 51-year-old Reid Elementary school’s closing because of significant maintenance requirements

BY ALLIE FRIESE
staff writer

The Reid Lab School Remembrance Committee (RSRC) will develop a memorial garden for the Reid Elementary by selling bricks to fund the project.

Eloise Goodwin, a member of the RSRC, explained that the memorial garden will be a “meditation garden where you can go and sit and enjoy the surroundings.” It will be located on the east side of Martin Hall.

The garden will include a brick patio with a lighted basalt rock fountain, a deacon’s bench with two additional chairs, and with trees and shrubs to enhance the calming atmosphere. It will be open to the general public year round.

The memorial is for anyone who worked, attended or “had anything to do with the lab school,” Goodwin explained.

The school was closed permanently in the 2008-09 school year due to changes in teacher training expectations, as well as significant maintenance requirements that were needed to update the 51-year-old building.

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RSRC member**

For the past 23 years, Reid was a collaborative effort between Cheney Public Schools providing both staff and curriculum and EWU paying the operating costs for the building.

Depending on how many bricks are sold, they will be placed in the memorial garden around the fountain and elsewhere in the general area.

There are three types of bricks available for purchase: red for \$100, cinnamon for \$500 and ivory for \$1,000. They can be engraved with up

to three lines with 18 characters available per line. More than one person can purchase a brick and split the cost, Goodwin said.

The committee is hoping to sell at least 60 bricks, but there is no limit as to how many are available for purchase.

The cost of the project was initially estimated at \$17,000 until the cost of labor rose unexpectedly, setting the new cost at around \$20,000.

Brick sales have raised nearly \$10,000 for the project, so far. “We’re about halfway there,” Goodwin said.

Those who purchase bricks will receive letters in the mail with an invitation to the dedication ceremony June 3.

To order a brick, send any piece of paper with the desired engravings, name, address, and phone number clearly written on it and the correct amount of money to Treasurer Pat Cogley at 15206 S. Clear Lake Rd., Cheney, WA., 99004.

Checks can be made out to Reid School Remembrance Fund and donations of any amount are also being accepted by the committee. Bricks should be ordered by March 10.



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The garden will be located in front of the old schoolhouse.



Photo courtesy of US Army
Anthony Latham takes ROTC training into the real world.

Former student shares experiences from overseas

1st Lt. Anthony Latham tells what life is like in Iraq compared to life in Cheney

BY NICOLE ERICKSON
news editor

After graduating from Eastern in 2006, 1st Lt. Anthony Latham went overseas to Iraq to serve a nine-month term.

“I was part of the NJROTC, the high school version of ROTC, and that pretty much sparked my interest in the Army,” Latham said.

“I also have some uncles and grandfathers that were in the service, so their stories definitely sparked some interest.”

Latham grew up in Burlington, Wash., just outside Bellingham. He attended Bellingham Community College before coming to Eastern, graduating with a degree in general studies, minoring in anthropology and military science.

After leaving Iraq, Latham plans to go back to work managing dental offices and pursuing further education.

“I’ll probably go back to school,” said Latham. “I’m halfway through a master’s program working toward my master’s in public health administration.”

Eastern currently offers only a certificate program in the field of study Latham wishes to pursue, so he plans on furthering his education at the University of Phoenix.

“I wish they had a master’s at EWU, though,” Latham said.

Although the transition from

Cheney to the middle of a war zone in Iraq may be difficult, Latham described his base in Iraq as “roughly the size of Cheney,” with a laundromat, a chow hall and movies for the soldiers to watch.

“Depending on your base, it could be a small world or a big world,” Latham said.

While in Iraq, Latham has enjoyed various aspects of the Iraqi culture and embraced all experiences possible.

“Training the Iraqi soldiers was probably the most memorable thing for me,” Latham said. “Giving them their certificate of graduation and seeing that they actually understood the concept of what

“Eastern was a great school. I really enjoyed going there.”

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**-1st Lt. Anthony
Latham**

we were giving them, I would say those are my most memorable experiences.”

Memories made in Iraq would hardly be possible without the moments he spent at Eastern. For Latham, there was hardly a dull moment participating in a training exercise.

“[We were] landing the Blackhawks on the soccer field in the middle of a storm, and we were all drenched, dressed in our equipment ... It was a fun experience,” Latham said.

“Eastern was a great school. I really enjoyed going there,” Latham said. “I loved the campus, the football team. Everything was pretty enjoyable there.”

New furniture replaces the old in buildings on campus

Money allocated from capital funds earns Eastern new desks, chairs and lab stools

BY MELISSA CARROLL
staff writer

EWU bought new equipment for more than 50 classrooms with the help of the grounds maintenance department and Eastern students.

Old tables, chairs, lab stools and tablet armchairs were replaced with new ones in various classrooms around campus. The areas were selected based on the greatest need for improvement. The equipment was replaced in the Communications Center and the science and art buildings, as well as Isle, Kingston, Martin, Monroe, Williamson and Cheney Halls.

According to Karen Wichman, director of facilities services, the money EWU spent on new classroom equipment was allocated from capital funds for classroom enhancements. The current crisis of EWU’s budget cuts did not affect the spending on the new replacements because the capital dollars are allocated every two years and must be spent before July 1, 2009, on the enhancement of classrooms.

The grounds maintenance department accomplished their goal within the given time period, benefiting the students of EWU with improved classrooms.

The department which deals with the set up and movement of class-

room furniture and continuous removing, patching and disposing of the pre-existing furnishings received help from EWU students to decide on the new design of the recently acquired equipment.

“It was important for us to get feedback from the user group. The students are the ones who are our primary users. We felt that it was critical to this process to receive their feedback,” Wichman said.

The department also worked with ASEWU, specifically President Ryan Eucker and Program Support Supervisor Grace Callahan, to target a diverse student population for voting on new designs. The ASEWU distributed surveys with design examples around campus that were placed in the rec center during hockey games, the PUB during a student activity program, PUB computer lab, JFK Library and the pavilion during a men’s basketball game.

“We felt that the difference in locations would provide a great deal of exposure and opportunity for voting,” said Wichman.

The new equipment is not for any specific department’s use, but simply belongs to the university and its students.

“We do not currently have dollars allocated for any more upgrades,” said Wichman. “Our next challenge will be to replace some of our aged, worn fixed seating in classrooms.”

Tech Fee provides \$300,000 to labs and colleges across campus

Committee decides how much money to invest in different areas at Eastern

BY TOM LINNANE
staff writer

The Tech Fee Committee will allocate \$300,000 to labs and colleges requesting new technology this spring as part of the Student Technology Fee (STF).

Currently in the process of allocating funds, the Tech Fee Committee decides where each portion of the fee will go. With proposals coming in from computer labs and different colleges, it’s up to consultants like Burke Fitzpatrick to decide who gets what.

“Right now, nothing has been dispensed or allocated; it’s all unofficial. The Tech Fee is basically just allocating resources, anyone who wants one has to have some sort of infrastructure to house what we give them, and in turn use it to provide a service to students,” Fitzpatrick said.

The STF covers 27 different computer labs including the EWU campus, Riverpoint in Spokane and the labs at the EWU extension program in Bellevue, Wash. Around 14 smaller labs will be completely replaced this year.

Computer labs such as the PUB Lab, MARS Lab, JFK checkout counter and other library computers benefit directly from the tech fee. However, the bigger labs generally see the least amount of upgrades and are replaced sections at a time rather than all at once.

“It depends on the size of the lab. The PUB Lab for instance has 160 stations, and we replaced half of that lab every other year,” Fitzpatrick said. “This year, they aren’t getting anything. They might get software or scanners or something, but the really large stuff we try to break up.”

Smaller labs with only 30 to 40 computers generally see a complete upgrade and replacement programs. New computers, monitors, keyboards and mice will be installed and utilized for the next four years. Once their warranties are up, the committee will purchase new equipment and the cycle begins again.

The STF committee will have their recommendations in by the end of April with awards given in late May or early June. Once the committee reaches a reasonable budget, they will need the approval of both the ASEWU and the

Board of Trustees to begin allocating the funds.

Other programs the Tech Fee Committee have considered funding are virtual computer labs. Students would be able to access a variety of programs found on campus from anywhere, no longer requiring students to purchase expensive software.

Virtual computer labs also allow students to attend a live class session from home and interact with professors and other classmates through the Internet.

Buildings receiving computer replacements include the science and art buildings as well as Isle Hall. Every floor of Monroe Hall, including the MARS Lab, Africana Lounge and the Academic Support Center, will receive new computers.

Despite the thousands of dollars going into technology, Fitzpatrick believes the problem is more social than technological.

“The complaints I hear the most often come from graduating seniors ... they didn’t know they could check out \$4,000 cameras from the MARS Lab for no particular reason at all,” Fitzpatrick said.

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Wake up, Barack; we're begging you to

BY JASON NEEDY
staff writer

With polls heralding a significant lack of faith in our current political institution, one has to seriously wonder whether something has gone terribly wrong in our government.

For transparency's sake, I voted for Obama. I admit that I was caught up in the atmosphere of change and believed to a certain extent that the country was making a turn for the better.

No matter your politics, you have to admit that there was no possible way that it could have been any worse, unless you're a CEO or board member of a major corporation. Being a betting man, I assumed that the odds were naturally in favor of an upswing.

To a certain degree, I feel that the country is now in a much healthier state, despite what FOX and other "responsible" news outlets would declare. While weathering questions regarding his citizenship and attempting to prove that he wasn't an al-Qaida operative, President Obama succeeded in

partially pulling the country out of the muck, which was a direct by-product of the complete ineptitude of the Bush Administration.

While we're still in the throes of deep financial hardship, the bottom line is beyond doubt: as a direct result of Obama and the Democratic majority's passage of the stimulus package, the country is presently not steeped in a new depression. And because of Obama's willingness to assess issues with sober analysis, our country is at least not the laughing stock of the entire world.

As the playing field changes, however, so must those participating in the game.

Obama and the Democrats have failed the American people by not meeting the Republicans head on in the GOP's war of attrition. As the daily insults and groundless accusations have flown through the airwaves and news columns, the Obama Administration has stood idly by, hoping to gain some sort of medal for good sportsmanship, I suppose.

The casual and collected attitude displayed thus far by the

Democrats might win them karma points; however, down here in the housing projects and suburbs, the American people need action, not good behavior.

Throughout the past year, numbers in polls have grown regarding who wants a public option or some sort of government-run, competitive alternative to insurance companies.

With a clear majority of the electorate demanding change, Obama insisted on engaging in a deliberate path based on a need for a bipartisan bill. Even while the heads of the GOP consistently reject any sort of dialogue or compromise, the Democratic leadership still clings to the pipe dream of unity.

Any sensible person on the streets would know better than to take the bipartisan bait dangling in front of Democratic noses. When you have Mitch McConnell and House Minority Leader John Boehner announcing that their plan is to starve out the Democrats no matter the cost to the American people, one begins to wonder how long Obama will choose to

play the role of Charlie Brown in the perpetually doomed attempt to kick Lucy's football.

Obama and the "frayid-cats" need not dwell on the honor of their opponents. In the case of Boehner, one needs to look only so far as his own Web site to witness the depths of his hypocrisy.

The ardent Tea Party supporter, who at one time rejected the stimulus package as a dangerous governmental take over, now crows about the progress being made in his state due to those same stimulus dollars.

And make no mistake, when McConnell uses the emotional rhetoric so popular with his compatriots to cry out that the Democrats are forcing big government health care down the throats of the public, he is not offering any rational solutions to the debate. In fact, it's not a debate.

As Robert Herold puts it in last week's *The Inklander*, "fundamentalists, it has been said, search for personal conviction, not mutual understanding." Once Obama finally realizes that Republicans have no agenda other than regaining power by any means necessary, then

maybe he'll serve the needs of the people who voted him into office.

The Democrats recently arrived at their current place of prominence based on the choices made by regular Joe and Jane all across the nation. There was no socialist coup, no hijacking of an election, like the previous two. While Sarah Palin and her ilk smirk at the concept of hope and change, it stands that a majority of the American people believed in it strongly enough to bring in a candidate they trusted to facilitate that change.

Listening to the daily news, I can feel the constant state of repulsion coursing through my veins as Obama capitulates to a party that has Glenn Beck and Rush Limbaugh as spokesmen. Many point to Obama's falling ratings in the polls and the recent Massachusetts election as symbolic of the nation's want for a regime change.

But I can't help but wonder if most of the current that has shifted might not reverse itself again if Obama would simply bypass the GOP altogether and pass health care via reconciliation? Could it be that Americans are losing faith in

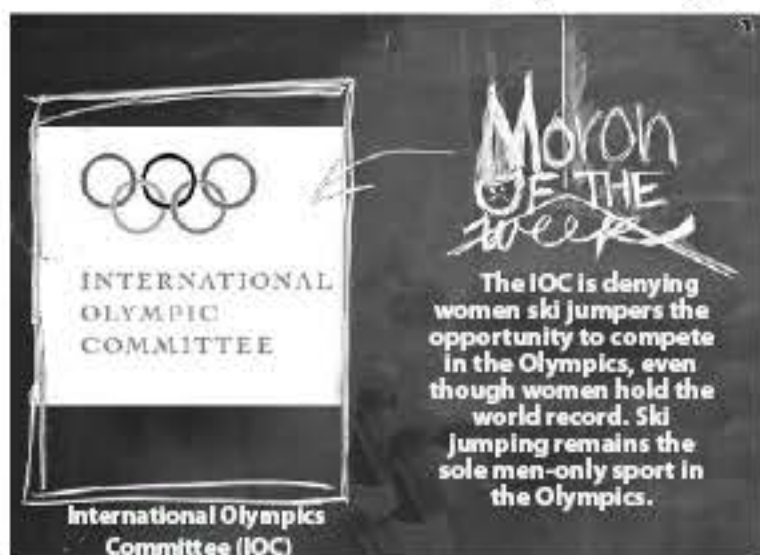
the Democrats, not because of any particular stance, but solely based on their inability to score one for the common folk?

Witnessing their inability to punch anything through, the thought has arisen that maybe the system is broken and that maybe the Democrats can't and won't do anything about it.

Maybe they're spending too much time trying to get re-elected and not enough time providing for the electorate.

Maybe they're guilty of the same kowtowing to the richest one percent that I denounce the Republicans for. In this case, of course, passing any meaningful health care plans or an adequate job bill would be anathema to their want to hold tight to the status quo.

If this is the case, and the political system is fated to continue to devolve away from a nation of "for the people, by the people," then I, like others, will call for a constitutional congress to be held. It may be the only way for this nation to finally achieve that change they once believed in.



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Freedom of speech protects Web site

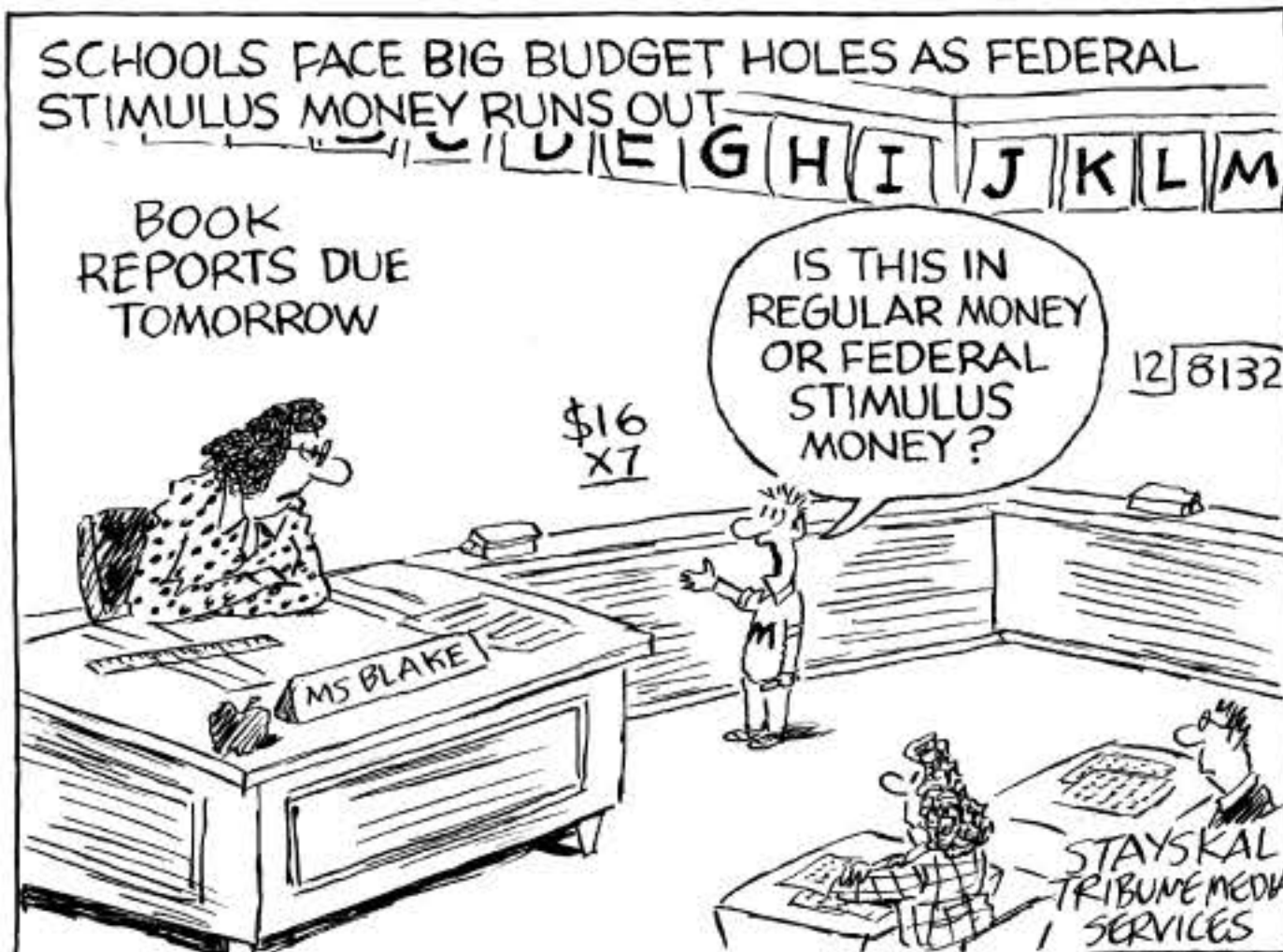
There is an issue on campus concerning a Web site in which racist, sexist and homophobic input is common. Per some students who attended the ASEWU Faculty Senate meeting, all statements made on the Web site are protected under the freedom of speech, and thus such opinions, even if demonstrative of hate and intolerance, should be allowed expression on campus. What gets erased in this argument for free speech is the reality that some forms of speech function to silence students who already feel marginalized on this campus, creating an unsafe campus environment for those students most in need of protection.

Statements that negatively target crucial aspects of individual identity have not been openly and adequately confronted and condemned. Attempts to expose the degree and extent of violence inherent in these statements have been made, but targeted students are

largely silenced. Why is such silencing the case if they too are ostensibly protected under the same free speech? Free speech merely protects those already in power if all are not able to exercise expression equally and within safe conditions. Free speech empowers many to say what they want unthinkingly, no matter how hateful, and in turn silences those who are disadvantaged by hateful statements.

Overt action should be taken to condemn hate speech on this "culturally diverse" campus. Diversity should be affirmed and not simply tolerated. Action is now urged to prevent this speech from empowering those saying it into hateful action. Faculty should be proactive in use of their free speech to confront, not condone, hate speech. A safe campus environment for all students, not some, is required.

- Eagles Coalition Network



America's dirty billion-dollar secret

BY GAVIN LEE
contributing writer

I want to talk about a topic as pervasive and routine as the common cold. It degrades women, ruins marriages, families, and relationships, and is much more lethal to the soul than the common cold is to the body. That which I speak of is the evils of pornography.

In Phoenix neighborhoods with adult businesses nearby had a 500 percent higher number of sex offenses than areas without such businesses. Pornography earned around \$12 billion in the U.S. last year and \$54 billion worldwide.

This is not revenue made from porn. This is their profit margin. Most of this money comes through adult videos, \$20 billion; escort services, \$11 billion; and magazine sales, \$7.5 billion.

Of nearly 72 million people who visited porn sites in 2008, 65 percent were estimated to be men and 35 percent were women. The average age of a child's first exposure to porn is 11. AOL blocks around 2.4 billion adult-oriented e-mails each day, which comprises

80 percent of all e-mails. The software company Symantec reported that 47 percent of school-aged children receive pornographic spam daily. Also, a porn industry representative told Congress that 20 to 30 percent of pornographic sites are accessed by minors.

Every second, \$3,070 is being spent on pornography. Every second, 28,250 Internet users are viewing pornography. Every second, 370 Internet users are typing adult sexual terms into various search engines. And every 39 minutes, a new pornographic movie is being created in the U.S.

Some may arrogantly say, "Let freedom ring. Check out the First Amendment, buddy. I can watch whatever I want, whenever I want!" My response to this callous statement is "if you know how to read, look up the court case *Miller v. California*." This case clearly delineates that hardcore and "regular" pornography enjoys no First Amendment protection.

Then why does such filth prosper on a grand scale? Maybe it is

because those who sit in legislative and judicial positions are porn addicts themselves. Because of their laziness, sloth and lack of concern for social justice, they have enabled human-trafficking, for example, to become a global business. In this business, pimps and prostitutes, women and men of all ages, enter a life of pain, abuse, degradation and humiliation. Porn, at its very root, turns people into a commodity to be bought, sold and re-sold. The last time the U.S. treated human beings as a means to an end, it took the Civil War to change things.

How about the fact that we as men are socialized by the media in a strong way. We already face interior temptations to hurt and degrade women. As men, shouldn't we stand up for women against these destructive tendencies that are all too human and tolerated?

On this campus alone, how many sexual assaults are driven by the accessibility of Internet pornography? I would bet my soul that porn contributes to a lot of

planned violations of women. For the ladies out there, what about the generation of girls who are now between the ages of 12 and 15? What will they do with their lives when they become 'Barely Legal'? I hope that as young women who have already suffered at the hands of this awful world, you make a stand for your little sisters so they can make better choices as they get older.

Unity is the key. We are all in this together facing many of the same problems in life. Each generation is remembered for something. Will we continue to ignore the now voiceless victims? We must start within ourselves and lose the world of darkness inside.

Have compassionate and pure love for everyone. If we don't, what are we accomplishing with our lives? I am a single male student and I fight thoughts of lust every day of my life. It will not be easy, but great things are never easy, nor will they be appreciated by the majority of humanity who walk with a clouded conscience, or a dead conscience.

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Andrew Belle, left, drums on his guitar to the beat as Allen Stone, right, sings "Quit Calling." Elise Axel/Easterner

Breakout artists visit, play for students

Successful musicians and songwriters Andrew Belle and Allen Stone share the drive behind their musical passion, citing personal experiences, both good and bad

BY ELISE AXEL
eagle life editor

Students filled the PUB lounge and paused in hallways to listen to the vocal stylings of Andrew Belle and Allen Stone. The singers were sponsored by Eagle Entertainment, which made it possible for students to listen without charge.

Belle and Stone are both singers and songwriters who play the acoustic guitar. They met on the road and have only been traveling together for four weeks. According to Belle, they would usually sing their separate playlists. For this performance, however, Stone sang the harmony for Belle's set, and Belle drummed along on the back of his guitar to Stone's set.

One of the songs written and sung by Stone, "Quit Calling," was the product of a bad relationship.

"I was in a pretty cruddy relationship for a while, and I wrote this song when the relationship was over. If you can relate to it, then that would be awesome. If not, then I hope you never have to," Stone said.

Shortly after that song, Belle asked the audience if anyone would admit to watching "Keeping up with the Kardashians" because one of his songs had been featured on it. One girl raised her hand.

"Alright, it's always girls," Belle said with a laugh. "I never see a guy go, 'Yeah, I watch it,' unless he's sitting with his girlfriend, and his girlfriend makes him watch it."

At one point in the show, Belle commented on how odd it was to have a gig in the morning. "It's so funny, we used to play at clubs at night time. It's always a challenge to play at noon. You're out late playing the night before, then you get a couple hours of sleep, and then you have to get up and put on your game face," he said.

Belle and Stone spend time writing their own songs. They both attempt to write on real life situations. Belle has often based his music

off his relationships. His first record was almost entirely based on a relationship that ended. Two tracks dealt with personal family issues, and one song dealt with his struggles to do the right thing.

"I guess I'm really drawn to heartbreak, and I'm drawn to tragedy in relationships," Belle said, adding that heartbreak has, unfortunately, been his experience in life, but it has led to what he believes to be good song writing. He has written 15 songs that have been published. As for the future, Belle doesn't know what he will write about, but it is typically based on his life experiences.

While Belle was working on his newest album, he found inspiration from Greg Laswell and Landon Pigg. Belle also feels that Coldplay sets the bar in song writing and vocal styling. He will often find inspiration in other pop/rock artists such as Death Cab for Cutie.

Stone also draws inspiration from life experiences. One of Stone's favorite songs, "Last to Speak," sprang from growing up in Chewelah, Wash., as a pastor's kid (PK). "I was kind of raised in a conservative household as a PK, and this song just kind of gives you a little glimpse into me as a song writer and why I write songs and why I play music. It's more my heart than any other song I've written," he said.

The song speaks of several issues, such as the teaching of abstinence only, racial inequality and gay rights. He also sang of holding down his personal opinions despite his belief that the church is in crisis. After mentioning all of the problems faced in the U.S., Stone ended by singing the words, "Love should be the last to speak."

Later on, Stone explained that he was sheltered from many issues based on his father's position as a minister. After he moved out on his own, his eyes were opened to many things, including religion and government.

"It doesn't have an enormous influence in what I do, but it's definitely a part of me and so

I like to put it in songs as often as possible, or when it calls for it," Stone said.

Stone draws inspiration from other things as well. Musically, he pulls from a lot of soul musicians like Marvin Gay, Stevie Wonder and many others.

"I think inspiration can come from any number of things, whether it be relationships or world issues I'm passionate about," Stone said.

The inspirations have paid off for Belle. He recently won the title of "Best Breakout Artist, Chicago" by MTV. When he found out, he was excited and flattered. Before the title was official, Belle had to battle against a few other bands that had been nominated. When he and his band won, he felt encouraged.

"It was really flattering and really affirming," Belle said, adding that it meant people liked what they were doing.

His music has also been featured in several shows, which include "The Real World," "90210" and the most recent episode of "One Tree Hill."

When one of his songs was featured for the first time on "90210," Belle went over to his girlfriend's house to watch it. He feels like it was a milestone in his career, and he hopes his success will continue.

Belle's newest CD, "The Ladder," was released Feb. 23. He will soon be releasing a music video for the song "Static Waves," which features singer Katie Herzig.

Stone's album was released in September 2009. Belle finds a lot to appreciate about Stone, mentioning that the appearance at EWU was Stone's first day singing with Belle on his set list.

"I think it speaks to his musicianship. He is obviously extremely talented enough to just sing harmonies off the cuff and to play guitar riffs off the cuff as well," Belle said. "A lot of hard work and practice goes into that skill."

GOD VS. SCIENCE

BY JASON KEEDY
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Our current society is marked by a trend toward conflict between two polar opposites. From liberal versus conservative to Prius versus Hummer, people in the U.S. are known to stand loyal in the defense of their allegiances. And ever since Charles Darwin's book "On the Origin of Species," no gulf has stretched wider than that between science and religion.

Chi Alpha will be welcoming campus missionary Dan Guenther Feb. 26 at 5 p.m., in Patterson 103 to discuss how science and religion can be linked. Guenther, who has served on the Central Washington University campus for the past 11 years, has worked to better the relationships between those of the Christian faith and those who are more scientifically oriented. He has written articles calling for respect and tolerance in order to reconcile the two often antagonistic sides.

During a recent lunchtime interview, Chi Alpha Pastor Bob Elfers explained that with the upcoming Pizza-Theology gathering, some of those walls separating the two camps might just come down. "The whole idea is to get to a point to where we can say, 'Hey, let's be polite. Let's be civil. Let's dialogue,'" Elfers said.

The event will be open to all and will be an opportunity for students and teachers to hear from the other side while enjoying pizza, Elfers said.

"We'd love to see some science students and professors come," Elfers said. "We're not going to try and persuade anyone with any anti-evolution talk—that's not our task. We just want dialogue."

Often in meetings between the two sides, a debate ensues with neither side relenting. Elfers explained that in politics, and even religion, people talk at people instead of engaging in constructive dialogue. By working to find common ground, people who often disagree with one another can learn how to grow and learn, he said.

Elfers said that he knew of professors on campus who believed in evolution but viewed God as a creator.

Citing that both sides have areas of uncertainty, Elfers said, "Hey, I believe God created, but after that, the Bible doesn't go

into how long it took or the different ages, so there is room to play there."

While evolution is almost universally accepted by the scientific community, Elfers pointed to conflicting evidence and the divergence of belief among scientists. He recalled a meeting he had with a chemistry teacher, during which, in reference to the beginning of the universe, he said, "You and I both are old, but we weren't back there."

Elfers said that he thought that scientific measurements weren't always exact and that there should be room to be able to agree to disagree.

Guenther recently released an article titled "The Other Word on Campus," in which he calls for students of faith to "foster helpful, thoughtful engagement with the coursework." He recalls a self-proclaimed agnostic geology professor who sought input for ways to engage with religious students who frequently had closed their minds to further in-class discussion.

Guenther provides two conversation topics for students to use on campus. Pointing out that "human progress is ambiguous at best" and that "philosophies empty the meaning of life," Guenther argues that religion fills the void in our valueless, contemporary society.

He also calls for students of faith to reclaim their Christian heritage as the root of the modern, rational way of life. Explaining that Christians were "uniquely endowed with a sense that the world is a knowable, non-mysterious place," Guenther claims that his religion was responsible for freeing the first scientists from superstition.

No matter a person's belief or their way of reading history, the divide can only be surmounted by dialogue. Pointing to the importance of an open mind, Elfers said, "Not even a good scientist, not even a good Christian should not be willing to listen."

Ultimately, the goal is for both sides to gain respect for the other and to grow beyond their differences, Elfers said.

"We're just trying to help people to appreciate the other side," Elfers said. "Maybe by establishing some common ground, we'll both grow."

Ask a Personal Trainer

BY MELISSA CARROLL
staff writer

Personal trainer Justin Christman, who specializes in cardio, weight loss and strength gain, gives advice on how to achieve a more effective workout.

Q: What's a good way to make cardio workouts more fun to get the most out of it?

A: Any activity that can get your heart rate up and burn calories is considered a cardio workout. Cardio can be incorporated into any exercise as long as it is high intensity. Cardio does not just have to be jumping on a treadmill for 20 minutes, it can range from band exercises to circuits with the medicine ball.

You can also get cardio through weight training. A good way to get the cardio is to pick two movements to do back-to-back for about 10 reps each with a 30-second rest in between. This will get that high intensity workout you need to burn calories.

Changing up your cardio routine is another good way to make it more effective. Constantly changing up your routine will create muscle confusion which helps you lose weight faster. Also, it is important to remember to always eat right when doing those high intensity workouts. You need to have the carbs to burn so that your

body won't burn off muscle instead. Eat lightly throughout the entire day without overindulging in any one meal. That will help you get the most out of your cardio workout.

Q: What is a way to increase weight effectively with squat and bench press exercises?

A: There are a few things you can do to increase the amount of weight you can lift. With squats, a lot of people have trouble coming up from the 90-degree angle when they squat down because of the heavy weight. A good way to build on that is to start from the bottom and work your way up. Start in the 90-degree angle and shoot the weight up, doing three sets of 10. This will help build that muscle that is needed to get yourself out of the squat position with heavy weight.

The same rule applies for bench presses. Start at the stick point and shoot the weight up from there. Also, for help building the muscles used in bench press, start with dumbbells. Using dumbbells in the same motion as a bench press causes the arms to use stabilizer muscles as well as the regular muscles used. The stabilizer muscles have to be activated in order to keep the dumbbells in place. As the stabilizer muscles get stronger, so will the other muscles in your arms, which will help you to lift more weight when using the bar in bench press.

EWURA - Assessing the Bureau of Reclamation Art Collection

BY MELISSA CARROLL
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EWU Retirees Association (EWURA) held its monthly meeting Feb. 18 to discuss English professor Dr. Paul Lindholt's presentation on "Assessing the Bureau of Reclamation Art Collection."

The EWURA holds monthly meetings throughout the academic year to stay connected with Eastern. Many of its members have spent numerous years at Eastern, contributing to the school by assisting educators and staff. This month, Lindholt offered to present his topic as a preview for a similar presentation that he will be giving next month. Lindholt's presenta-

tion gave EWURA a chance to view and discuss the art of his presentation.

"EWU retirees are lifelong learners and enjoy a wide range of subjects from presenters," said Pat Spanjer, associate director of Alumni Advancement.

Lindholt's presentation highlighted how, during the years of 1968-1974, the U.S. government commissioned artists to advance its agendas on a large scale. The Bureau of Reclamation ran an ad in an art magazine to "solicit artists who would help it depict the imaginative aspects of the Reclamation Program," according to Lindholt.

As people became more environmentally friendly in the '60s,

the bureau tried to hold on to their programs. The bureau tried to promote an artistic look on excavation sites, dams, penstocks, spillways, batch plants, turbines, power-lines, trash-racks, irrigated fields, reservoirs and feeder canals by using artists to depict them in beautifully in paintings.

The art projects were failures, however, as the artists tried to create honest art while adhering to the bureau's public relations requests. The collection of art displayed during Lindholt's presentation was an example of the bureau's self-promotion and public relations style, which set a trend to be followed by U.S. corporations in the future.

Many members of the EWU-

RA remembered the subject of Lindholt's presentation as he explained the background of the art collection. Lindholt discussed the significance of each work of art and its importance as part of the collection. Most art pieces depicted nature in colorful paintings with some sort of government project visible in the background.

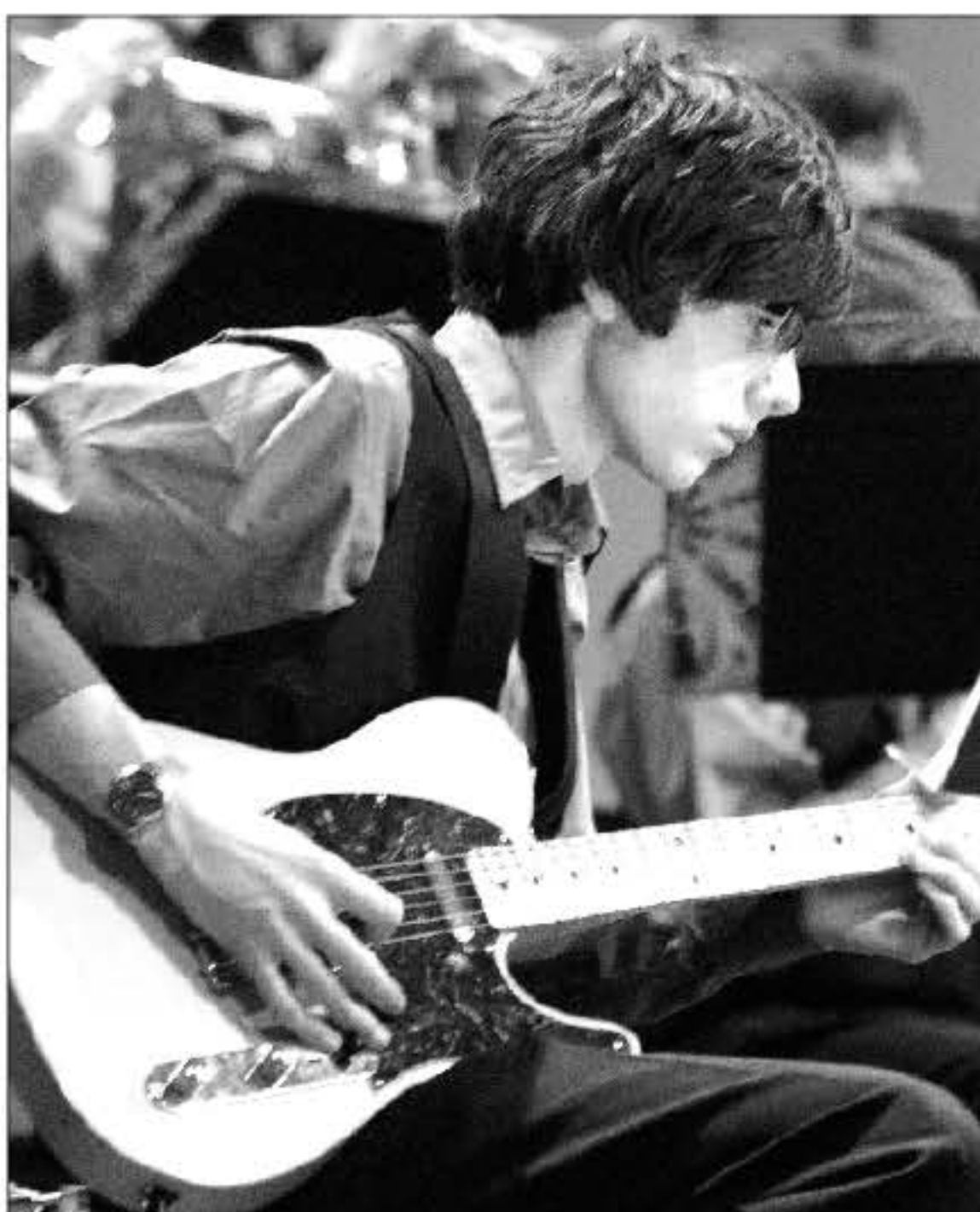
"Our retirees have spent many years at Eastern teaching or assisting in the education of our alumni and helping our university grow and become a great university for future generations of students," Spanjer said. "We can all learn so much from EWURA members. They are valuable members of our Eastern community."

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Clancy Bundy



"My hope was just for everyone to have fun," said guest star James Miley.

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High school students join for jazz

Spokane students share the stage with Eastern's Jazz Ensemble

BY MELISSA CARROLL
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A jazzy tune floated from the EWU recital hall Friday, Feb. 19, as the Eastern Jazz Ensemble and EWU Repertory Jazz Ensemble hosted a concert featuring the Lewis and Clark High School jazz band.

The high school was chosen to be featured at this concert because of their music program and the level of talent that the band has, according to Rob Tapper, EWU band director.

This is the seventh year in a row that EWU has hosted jazz concerts featuring local high school talent. Working with EWU gives high school students a chance to see jazz performed at a higher level and to see what it's like to perform after high school.

Special guest star James Miley was also at the concert, which

helped make it a success. Miley, an educator, composer and pianist, was there to hear his music played by the three bands.

He has written music for high school, college and professional levels of playing, and pieces of his music featured in the concert was chosen by Tapper.

"Bringing in a guest artist gives each student a taste of the reality of music in the professional world," Tapper said.

The bands also had the privilege of working with Miley as he conducted each band while they highlighted his music. Miley also worked with the bands for two days prior to the concert.

"I've never heard this many of my songs played at once by such a talented group of musicians. It was a real treat," Miley said.

Directed by Don Goodwin and Larry Jay, the high school jazz band started off the evening. One of the

three songs featured by the band was "What Did You Say?" written and conducted by Miley.

EWU Repertory Jazz Ensemble, directed by Andy Plamondon and Todd Delgudice, followed the high school band. The band featured "Late as Usual," "Fool Me Once" and "Art of Darkness," all written and directed by Miley.

The final performance of the night included the Eastern Jazz Ensemble, directed by Tapper, featuring "South of Everywhere," "Belly" and "Loose Fitting Jeans."

The band also had the chance to play with Miley as he took over the piano for one of his songs. They finished off the concert with their own interpretation of one of Miley's songs as he sat in the audience.

"The bands were excellent and put a lot of time and hard work into the concert," Miley said. "My hope was just for everyone to have fun."

'Der Zeitgenosse' features two-dimensional art at EWU

Juried art show brings submissions from across the country

BY RACHEL PANTHER
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From the "odd, but humorous" to the "playful, fun and abstract," EWU's upcoming art show has something for everyone.

The art department will be presenting "Der Zeitgenosse," an exhibition of two-dimensional artwork by artists across the country.

"Der Zeitgenosse," which means "The Contemporary" in German, is a juried exhibition. The EWU art department advertised that they were having this exhibition so that artists throughout the U.S. could send images of their artwork to be considered for the show. A juror chose pieces worth featuring in the gallery.

"Getting your work into the show is a competitive process," said Nancy Hathaway, art gallery director and EWU art professor.

The mission of the gallery is to bring works of art to campus for educational purposes and also for personal enjoyment, according to Hathaway. Through this gallery, students are able to view a variety of two-dimensional art mediums, including paintings, drawings, printmaking and digital art.

Altogether, the gallery will feature 19 artworks by nine different artists in a variety of two-dimensional mediums.

Most of the artwork featured in the gallery will be abstract or nonrepresentational. The artwork includes imagery that is not immediately recognizable as being from the real world. Other works on display are figurative, meaning images

of people.

Hathaway said that one artist she looks forward to is photographer Joseph Peila, who has two artworks in the exhibition, both of which depict four brothers interacting with each other.

"Peila's work is odd, but humorous at the same time," Hathaway said. "It is storytelling, in a way."

Another artist Hathaway enjoys is Nicholas Wood, whose artwork was featured on the postcard sent out to advertise the gallery. The postcard depicting Wood's piece, "Capades D31," was sent out to a mailing list of 850 people on and off campus.

"His work is kind of playful, fun and abstract," Hathaway said.

Other artists participating in the gallery include Kevin Bernstein from Manhattan, Kan.; Lisa Graham from Arlington, Texas; Vivian Hyleim Kim from Jersey City, N.J.; Kenneth Susynski from Seattle, and Dave Tilton from Madison, Wis.

"It's great for the students. It's an educational tool for the art department," Hathaway said. "It's also good exposure for the gallery and the university because we advertise nationally."

The gallery will be open to all students and faculty from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, starting Feb. 25 and ending April 1, but will be closed for spring break March 20-28. It will be held in the Art Building on the EWU Cheney campus. Admission to the gallery is free.

Unearthing the roots of Chicano history

February welcomes speakers and heritage to EWU campus

BY TOM LINNAME
staff writer

It's no coincidence that Feb. 2 was the day chosen by EWU to begin celebrating its first-ever Chicano History Month.

"It kicks off on February 2, which is a historical date," Director of the Chicano Education Program (CEP) Dr. Jerry Garcia said. "Feb. 2, 1848, commemorates the signing of the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, which ended the Mexican-American War and incorporated the first Chicanos into the U.S., 200,000 to be exact."

Not to be confused with Latin History Month, which takes place in September, Chicano History Month celebrates the rich cultural heritage and deep roots of the Chicano people.

The CEP brought outside speakers in addition to EWU professors to give lectures pertaining to the Chicano experience. Topics including immigration, labor, drugs and history were discussed.

Garcia's presentation focused on labor, especially Mexican labor in World War II. Dr. Martin Garcia lectured on immigration, drug trafficking and law enforcement. Christina Garcia, adjunct faculty, spoke on the Latina experience.

CEP undergraduate Gabriel

"... for all intents and purposes, they are Americans but with no papers."

-Dr. Jerry Garcia

Chavez is also scheduled to give a speech relating to his experiences from visiting a village in Mexico during a study abroad program. In this particular village, all of the males have left for the U.S. in order to earn money for their families.

Although the month celebrates the recent accomplishments and triumphs of Chicanos, much of the month is meant to serve as a reminder of the deep history of the Chicano people.

"Mexicans and Chicanos in the United States have been around for a very, very long time," Jerry Garcia said. "A lot of Chicanos can trace their roots to at least 1848."

History may play a big part in the Chicano experience, but according to Jerry Garcia, Chicano people are the largest self-sustained labor force in the world. Chicanos have a history that ranges from multi-generational

U.S. citizens to recent immigrants. He referred to this concept as the "irony of the Chicano experience."

Aside from speakers and other presentations, the CEP is also going to be showing the documentary "Papers" in the JFK Auditorium Wednesday, Feb. 24 at 4 p.m.

"Papers" is the story of five different American immigrants who illegally came to the U.S. as children with their parents. Now, as adults, these people are having a hard time finding work and educational opportunities because they aren't officially American citizens.

"There are roughly around 2.5 million youth in this condition right now," Jerry Garcia said. "Though it's not usually a fault of their own as they were brought here as kids and raised here, for all intents and purposes, they are Americans but with no papers."

With Chicano History Month drawing to a close, Jerry Garcia is pleased with the number of students who came to the events. Although EWU is celebrating Chicano History Month for the first time, the tradition will be around for years to come.

"There's a lot of genuine interest in various cultures on campus — something I like to see," Jerry Garcia said.



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From left: Ben Kingsley, Leonardo DiCaprio, director Martin Scorsese and Mark Ruffalo talk on the set of the thriller, "Shutter Island."

'Shutter Island' showcases the best of Scorsese and DiCaprio

Hollywood's dynamic duo Leonardo DiCaprio and Martin Scorsese once again show their skills in the 2010 flick

BY TOM LINNAME
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Leonardo DiCaprio and Martin Scorsese have become a notable dynamic duo in Hollywood. Their new collaborative effort, "Shutter Island," is a testament to a great partnership that can produce some terrifying results.

After a patient escapes a hospital for the criminally insane located just outside of Boston on Shutter Island, U.S. Marshals Teddy Daniels (Leonard DiCaprio) and Chuck Aule (Mark Ruffalo) are sent to investigate the mysterious disappearance.

The Marshals get more than they bargained for when the creepy doctors and guards feign cooperation and appear to be hiding some dark secrets. Tensions run high as a hurricane slams the island, freeing the psychopathic "patients." It's up to Daniels and Aule to reveal the truth about the hospital, if they can make it off the island.

For a film that takes place in a mental institution in 1954, Scorsese spared no detail in creating the foggy world of Shutter Island. The movie was jumpy, uncomfortable at times and often terrifying. Each patient in the hospital had their own crazy back story, which usually involved brutal killings.

Crazy could be a relative term for Scorsese and DiCaprio. Leonardo has appeared in four of Scorsese's films and has been mentally unstable in three of them. "Shutter Island" takes this to a whole new level as Daniels constantly drifts in and out of memories and even reality.

DiCaprio gave what could be his best performance yet in this movie. Scorsese seems to know how to make his actors feel like they are supposed to. Daniels had a gaze of fear and doubt in his eyes at all times, yet he exuded a peculiar confidence and always appeared as though the ace was up his sleeve.

As the dubious Dr. Cawley, Ben Kingsley continues to prove why he is one of the best actors walking the Earth. Kingsley nailed even the most minute details of Cawley, from his scholarly accent to his insistence on calling inmates "patients."

Everyone's acting in this film is worth talking about. Mark Ruffalo portrayed the shaky Chuck Aule, a cop who just wants the truth in all forms. Ruffalo's character is certainly a good offset to the troubled Daniels. Aule is often the voice of reason throughout the movie, though he seems more like a sidekick than a partner.

This film marks Scorsese's 45th cinematic effort. No stranger to period pieces, Scorsese jumps into the world of 1954 head first. Despite taking place 60 years ago, everything feels very modern for a mental hospital in the '50s.

At 67 years old, it doesn't appear that Scorsese has lost any of the magic that helped him create masterpieces like "Goodfellas" or "The Departed." In fact, it would appear that just the opposite is happening as his films keep getting better. "Shutter Island" should be hailed among his classics and is worth seeing any way possible.



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Moore struggles to overcome his defender in another close game.

Rocky road trip

Two more losses dim playoff hopes for Eagle men, slim chance left

BY DUSTIN TOMS
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After winning back-to-back home games, EWU men's basketball dropped two close games on the road during the weekend, losing 54-58 to Northern Colorado and 71-74 to Northern Arizona in an overtime thriller.

In the game against UNC, EWU failed to score a field goal for nearly 10 minutes in the second half, allowing UNC to go on a 12-0 victory run.

UNC had 28 free throw attempts compared to EWU's eight, which allowed UNC to hold onto the win despite shooting 34 percent from the field and 38 percent from three-point range. EWU shot 41 percent from the field and 48 percent from beyond the arc but didn't have a free-throw attempt until the second half.

"They knocked us on our heels," said EWU Head Coach Kirk Earlywine. "We were down by only two at halftime, and we hung in there. You think if you go on the road and you hold an opponent to 34 percent and stay even on the glass, you think you would win the game."

Jeffrey Forbes was the only Eagle to score in double digits, sinking 15 points, including three 3-pointers. Laron Griffin led the Eagles in rebounds, pulling down six. He also added seven points.

UNC's Will Figures led all players in scoring with 23 points.

The second game of the weekend had huge postseason implications for the BSC as EWU faced NAU. NAU pulled off the hard fought victory, clinching a spot in the BSC Tournament.

NAU's Gabe Rogers hit his fourth 3-pointer of the game with 1.8 seconds remaining

in overtime to seal the victory. He missed his first seven three-point attempts.

"Jeff Forbes got clipped a little on the screen, and that gave Rogers an opportunity," said Earlywine. "Give him credit, he made four when it counted the most."

Benny Valentine hit a shot with just under 13 seconds left in regulation to send the game into overtime. Glen Dean knotted the score at 71-all with 10 seconds left in overtime.

"I thought we made a lot of winning plays in regulation and overtime, but obviously we didn't make enough. We needed one more," Earlywine said.

Brandon Moore had his sixth double-double of the season, leading EWU in scoring with 13 points and pulling down 12 rebounds. Dean also scored 13 points for the Eagles and added six assists. Forbes and Valentine each had 10 points.

NAU's Cameron Jones led all scorers with 23 points. Rogers added 18 points and three assists.

With the losses, EWU is tied with Idaho State for seventh place in the BSC with a record of 4-9. The top six teams advance to the BSC tournament. Currently, Portland State is in sixth with a record of 5-9. The Eagles must win their final two games of the season and Portland State must lose both games for Eastern to make the postseason.

The final two games of the regular season will be Feb. 26 against Weber State and Feb. 27 versus Idaho State. Both games will tip-off at 7:05 p.m., at Reese Court.

Lady Eagles are playoff-bound

First-place women will have to hold their spot in hopes of hosting the Big Sky Tournament

BY CHRIS NEWBERRY
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The EWU women's basketball team is playoff-bound in this year's Big Sky Conference Tournament. The goal now is to remain the No. 1 seed and host the tournament here at EWU.

A pair of wins this past weekend secured a spot in the playoffs for the Eagles as they beat Northern Colorado 63-52 Friday, Feb. 19, and won a thriller Saturday, Feb. 20 against Northern Arizona, 71-64.

"The first thing we wanted to do going into the year was to make it into the tournament," said Head Coach Wendy Schuller. "We feel like we have a chance to win a league championship. We have put ourselves into a situation where we control our own destiny. Destiny is a choice, and it is not something that is going to happen to us. We have to make it happen."

EWU got out to an early lead in Friday's game against UNC and never looked back, jumping on the Bears 10 minutes into the game. UNC

chipped away at the Eagles' lead to come within 11 points at halftime.

The Eagles came out of halftime, building their lead for the entire second half. The Bears, however, battled with the Eagles but fell short with EWU winning the game 63-52.

Julie Piper continued her outstanding play for the Eagles by scoring 15 points with seven rebounds. Brianne Ryan also had a great game as she shot 8-of-10 from the field adding 17 points.

"I think that Julie Piper did a nice job of finishing for us in the paint, and Brianne Ryan had a really nice game making things happen," Schuller said.

Saturday night's game against Northern Arizona proved to be a test for the Eagles as the Lumberjacks came to Reese Court with nothing to lose.

Coming into the game, NAU had an overall record of 5-20. NAU built an 11-2 lead early in the ball game,

but the Eagles got it together to tie the game at 13 before NAU went back up nine points, ending the first half with a seven-point lead, 34-27.

EWU struggled in the second half as the Lumberjacks led by 14 points with 5:24 minutes left in the game.

Tatjana Sparavalo nailed a 3-pointer to bring the Eagles within one point. Kyla Evans captured the lead for the Eagles with a layup which propelled the Eagles to finish the game with a seven-point victory, 71-64.

The Eagles made the comeback of all comebacks as they used a 24-3 run to end the game.

"I thought Northern Arizona came in well prepared, and they came in and played harder than we did. We are very lucky that we got a win tonight. We learned that we can't let teams come in and play harder than us. We won't win basketball games that way. I was really proud of us for

not laying down and giving up. We were resilient. We fought back and made big plays," Schuller said.

Three Eagles scored double digits Saturday night. Piper kept her hot hand scoring 17 points and had nine rebounds. Chene Cooper got hot at the right time in the second half with six assists and added 18 points. Sparavalo also sparked her offensive performance ending the night with 21 points.

"Sparavalo got hot. And we are smart enough to know that when someone gets hot, you keep feeding them the ball," said Schuller, whose team had a 39-14 advantage in bench points. "She produced and did a really great job. Cooper played really well and gave us a great spark off the bench when we needed it."

The Eagles (17-9, 10-3) will hit the road this weekend to lock up the No. 1 seed for the BSC Tournament with match ups against Weber St. Feb. 26 and Idaho St. Feb. 27.

EWU will return for their final regular season home game against Portland State March 6 with a start time of 2:05 p.m.

EWU event saves the boobies

Eastern athletics provides marketing events and fundraisers for fans to enjoy at games

BY DUSTIN TOMS
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Boobies: Hug them, Love them, Save them. That was the motto last Friday night at EWU women's basketball game for "Pink Zone." The Lady Eagles wore pink shoelaces, pink headbands and pink warm-ups to show their support for breast cancer awareness. All who attended in pink clothing were admitted free of charge, and the first 500 fans received a free pink shirt, donated by the Cheney Rockwood Clinic. The referees also joined the event, using pink whistles.

The ladies of Hug them, Love them, Save them were present to inform people about breast cancer. They sold shirts with the motto front and center. There were also some EWU students with cancer recognized at the game. All proceeds were donated to the American Cancer Association.

"We've been doing this the past four years, and each year we're trying to get new fun things," said Kyle Hoob, director of marketing and sales. "It's great; it's just a good thing."

"Pink Zone" was not the only special event held by EWU athletics this past weekend. The second women's basketball game of the weekend featured the Dads and Daughters Date Night. If dads paid full price admission, their daughters were admitted for free.

Upcoming events include Staff and Faculty Appreciation Night, Feb. 26, for the men's basketball game against Weber State. All EWU staff will get two-for-one admission. There will also be a pasta feast for all EWU students at Reese Court. Food will be available from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m., for \$7.95. EWU men's Head Coach Kirk Earlywine will also



Swoop and members of the EWU staff support breast cancer awareness in their pink attire.

hold a short roundtable with Team Red members. Feb. 27, during the men's basketball game versus Idaho State, will be Fan Appreciation Night. Free gear will be given randomly to fans in attendance.

The final event during this year's basketball regular season schedule will be for the game between the women's basketball team and Portland State, March 6: Women's Spa Day. There will be

local spas at the game to let all women at the game be pampered. There will be massage tables, foot massages, chocolates and wine. Each massage will last about 10 minutes, and all of the amenities will be free!

Support EWU basketball teams and EWU athletics by attending these events. For any questions about the events, e-mail Kyle Hoob at khoob@ewu.edu.

Mariners kick off spring training in the sun

BY GAVIN LEE
contributing writer

The Mariners have reported to spring training in sunny Peoria, Ariz., and fans have many reasons to be optimistic about the 2010 season.

One of the new faces is Cliff Lee, the 2008 Cy Young Award Winner and former Cleveland Indian ace. King Felix Hernandez has finally gotten the big contract he deserves: five years and \$78 million.

With those two anchoring the pitching staff, the M's will get many quality starts from the top of the rotation. Erik Bedard will now occupy the third spot in the rotation. Australian-born Ryan Rowland-Smith started his career

in the bullpen, but has been promoted to fourth in rotation. The fifth spot will be a battle between Ian Snell, Doug Fister and Jason Vargas. They are all unproven at the major league level.

Moving to the bullpen, David Aardsma saved 38 out of 42 games in 2009. Even more impressive was the fact that he held hitters to a paltry .190 batting average between left and right-handed hitters. Aardsma had a miniscule 2.42 era and a 1.16 WHIP (Walks and hits per inning pitched). Mark Lowe provides good set up work along with newly acquired Brandon League. The rest of the bullpen will be a patch-work group

that includes second-year lefty Shawn Kelley and Sean White.

The Mariners will look to a revamped and brand new offense to score runs. Seattle released slugger and strikeout machine Russell Branyan was traded to Boston for first baseman Casey Kotchman, who is a switch-hitter that can make consistent contact and carry a rock-steady glove at first base. Chone Figgins, who used to battle against the M's during his time with rival the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim, signed a four-year, \$36 million contract to play third base Figgins who is able to steal 30-40 bases a season. Jose Lopez, the second baseman, will anchor the

infield with his glove. Jack Wilson handles the shortstop duties. He is an aging veteran who slaps the ball around the field with little power, though he does play solid defense.

Ken Griffey Jr. is not what he was a decade ago. Injuries have plagued him and old age has reduced him to a designated hitter. Griffey does bring veteran leadership and a wealth of patience and experience to the ball club. Franklin Gutierrez will roam center field with his great range and strong arm. After collecting 160 hits and finishing the season with a .283 clip, the Mariners locked up Gutierrez for four years at the cost of \$20.5 million.

Now we come to fan favorite Ichiro Suzuki. The only player in MLB history to garner 200 or more hits in nine consecutive seasons will return for his 10th year in Seattle. His career batting average is .333. Couple this with excellent range in right field and an accurate canon of an arm, Ichiro is sure to be the face of the franchise.

To fill out the lineup, the team has taken a chance on the hot headed Milton Bradley to play left field. Veteran Eric Byrnes may take over in left field if Bradley has a meltdown. Some writers have questioned the decision to acquire Bradley by the Mariners' front office. Rob Johnson and Adam

Moore will be the tandem backstop for the solid Mariners' pitching staff.

Don Wakamatsu, who was born in Hood River, Ore., will return for his second season as the Mariners' manager. Although this is only his second season managing in The Show, experience will only improve his ability to lead this ball club. It would certainly be nice to see the M's win their first division since their historic 2001 season.

First spring training game is slated for March 3 versus San Francisco. Let's hope the next six months will blossom to full and the Mariners can make some noise in the postseason. Barter Up!

WOMEN'S STANDINGS	
EASTERN WASHINGTON	10-3
MONTANA	8-5
PORTLAND STATE	8-5
SACRAMENTO STATE	7-5
MONTANA STATE	7-6
IDAHO STATE	7-6
NORTHERN COLORADO	5-8
NORTHERN ARIZONA	3-10
WEBER STATE	3-10

MEN'S STANDINGS	
WEBER STATE	12-2
NORTHERN COLORADO	11-4
MONTANA	10-5
MONTANA STATE	9-6
NORTHERN ARIZONA	7-8
PORTLAND STATE	5-9
EASTERN WASHINGTON	4-10
IDAHO STATE	4-10
SACRAMENTO STATE	3-11



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Nichols's future looks promising

After playing in the East-West shrine game, Matt Nichols grabs attention of NFL scouts

BY DUSTIN TOMS
senior reporter

Breaking records isn't just a hobby for Matt Nichols; he's hoping to make a career out of it. Nichols, a former EWU quarterback, is attracting attention from NFL scouts after his performance at the East-West shrine game two weeks ago. He set BSC and EWU records with 12,616 passing yards and 95 touchdowns, along with 692 rushing yards and seven touchdowns in his four-year collegiate career.

"Whenever you are around someone that has set the offensive record for a conference that has been around for a longtime, you know he is a special player," said EWU Athletics Director Bill Chaves.

With his participation in the East-West shrine game, Nichols had the opportunity to show his skills to NFL scouts. He played on the same field as big school quarterbacks such as Max Hall (BYU) and Todd Reesing (Kansas). ESPN NFL Draft guru Todd McShay believes he was the best quarterback out of the six participants.

Unlike most quarterbacks who spend their summers at football camps and practices, Nichols

was busy playing three different sports at West Valley High School in Cottonwood, Calif. When he arrived at EWU to play football, he was ready, but according to EWU football Head Coach Beau Baldwin, he was very raw.

"I thought he was someone that had natural leadership abilities and the tools needed to be a great quarterback," Baldwin said. "He had all the intangibles and the mental and physical tools to be coached."

Nichols's leadership helped the football team look past the 2009 postseason ban at the start of the season. He was the first player to step up and help the team focus. His motto is: "It's not a penalty unless we make it a penalty."

"Had Matt not carried an incredible attitude going into [the season], who knows where the team would have ended up," Baldwin said.

Baldwin believes that Nichols's skills are best suited for a spread offense that utilizes all the receivers, running backs and tight ends, much like the system Super Bowl champions the New Orleans Saints use. He also compared Nichols to the Green Bay Packers' Aaron Rodgers.

"[Nichols and Rodgers] do a lot of stuff great from the pocket, but they are both athletic and can tuck and run when needed," said Baldwin.

"They both have a calm demeanor, but you can still see the competitive fire in them."

McShay believes Nichols is more like Dallas Cowboys' quarterback Tony Romo.

Nichols is preparing himself for the NFL Draft while still attending school. Although he was not invited to the NFL combine, he is still focusing on his skills and is preparing for EWU's pro day. He is currently working on combine-specific drills.

"A lot of people like to question that I'm from a small school and wonder if I can play at [NFL] level," said Nichols. "I think I showed that I can. There were plenty of people saying great things about what I was doing [at the East-West shrine game]."

With the NFL Draft only a couple months away, excitement is rising on EWU's campus. EWU has only one player in the NFL right now, Michael Roos of the Tennessee Titans, but could always use another.

"We're just extremely proud of what [Nichols] has been able to accomplish," Chaves said.

"He's going to be a late round pick, but don't be surprised five years down the road if we're looking at Nichols as a [NFL] starter," McShay said.



Photo courtesy of Cameron Foster

Nathan Overbay and Matt Nichols pose with NFL player Michael Roos.



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Nicole Luckenbach stands in front of her weight throw mark and her new school record.

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For the record

Last chance meet in Idaho allows track athletes to qualify for the BSCC as Luckenbach breaks school record in weight throw

BY ALUE FRIESE
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Nicole Luckenbach broke Eastern's school record and provisionally qualified for the NCAA track and field championships in the weight throw this weekend at the Eagles' "Last Chance Meet" in Moscow, Idaho.

The meet provides one final opportunity for athletes to qualify for the Big Sky indoor track and field championships, which will take place Feb. 26-27 in Bozeman, Mont.

Five more Eagles took advantage of this meet and qualified for the BSCC.

Luckenbach's 61-11 3/4 throw broke the previous record of 60-9 1/2, set by Jamie Martin in 2002. Luckenbach has already qualified for the BSC Championships.

Two more women, freshman Elise Jepsen and sophomore Michelle Coombs, qualified for the championships. Jepsen qualified in the high jump with a jump of 5-4 1/2, and Coombs qualified in the 60-meter hurdles with a time of 9.07 seconds.

"We'll do alright [at conference]," said women's Head Coach Marcia Mecklenberg. "I think we have a shot at being top five if everyone performs where they're ranked."

Three more men also qualified at the last chance meet: Chad Butorac for the 200-meter dash with a time of 22.20; Efrain Sanchez in the pole vault, 15-7; and Mardyn Anderson in the shot put, 50-10.

"We're shooting for top four. The group is peaking at the right time," said men's Head Coach Stan Kerr.

Kerr cited Arnon Blackwell's performance in the hurdles, Ben Cogdill's vaulting, and heptathletes Kersee Lind and Tim Armstrong as exceptional performers.

"Our guys have trained well, and we feel really good about going," Kerr said. The men's team as a whole was strong and well balanced. "[The athletes] are very supportive of each event group," he said.

Kerr expects big things from previous high jump champions Stephen Praast and Adam Stewart. They're currently ranked third and fourth in the BSC, respectively. Kerr notes that the high jump is a "wide open event, [but] we're hoping those guys can go one-two." Freshman Cody Fishel is another high jumper to watch for, Kerr said. Fishel is currently ranked eighth.

The Eagles will travel to Montana with the full limit of traveling athletes.



Luckenbach charms BSC

Track athlete Nicole Luckenbach was named Big Sky Conference track and field athlete of the week after breaking Eastern's school record in the weight throw Feb. 19. She broke the school record with a throw of 61-11 1/2 surpassing the previous 60-9 1/2 mark, thrown by Jamie Martin in 2002.

Luckenbach has qualified for the Big Sky Conference meet and has hit the NCAA provisional mark. She is currently leading the conference in the women's weight throw by nearly 2 feet and will compete at the championships this weekend.